

BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 09, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor: Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Ross McIvor, Pat Jacobson, Walter Robison, Stacey Biel, and Robert Jacobson, City Manager Charles Bennett, and City Clerk Pamela Willer, DPW Foreman Mike Vislosky, Attorney Gregory Stremers.

ABSENT: Eugene Navock.

GUESTS: Chris Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

Motion by CM Biel, Second by CM McIvor, to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, December 19, 2022, as written. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM R. Jacobson, to Pay Bills in the Following Funds: General - \$26,300.08 (11313 – 11349), Payroll - \$25,468.21 (10528–10554), Includes EFT Tri-County Bank - \$4,705.24, State of Michigan - \$2,804.86 (10555), Sanitary Sewer \$1,160.24 (4096 – 4099), Water - \$9,884.37 (3581 - 3587), Storm Sewer - \$13.98 (1355-1356), Equipment - \$1,320.00 (1835-1838). Motion Carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: Chris Lee, Commissioner's Report-District 5 See Report.

POLICE REPORT: Chief-Ron Smith reported Mark Perez full time officer in training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. 23-01: A Resolution Allowing The Board Of Review to Act Upon Written Requests From Taxpayers.

Motion by CM Mclvor, Second by CM Biel, to adopt Resolution 23-01 Allowing The Board Of Review to Act Upon Written Request From Taxpayers.

Roll Call Vote: CM Biel-Yes, CM P. Jacobson-Yes, CM R. Jacobson-Yes, CM Mclvor-Yes, CM Robison-Yes, CM Navock-Absent. 5-Yays, 0-Nays, Absent-1, Abstaining-0. Motion Carried.

2. 23-02: A Resolution To Formally Adopt Guidelines For Poverty Exemptions For Property Taxes.

Motion by CM Biel, Second by CM P. Jacobson, to adopt Resolution 23-2 -A Resolution To Formally Adopt Guidelines For Poverty Exemptions For Property Taxes.

Roll Call Vote: CM Biel-Yes, CM P. Jacobson-Yes, CM R. Jacobson-Yes, CM Mclvor-Yes, CM Robison-Yes, CM Navock-Absent. 5- Yays, 0-Nays, 0- Absent, 0- Abstaining. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES: None.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Account Access:** With the change in administration, bank signature cards for City Accounts must be updated. Recommend the City Council approve a motion to remove Rhonda Johnson from City accounts and authorize Mayor Julie P. Miller, City Treasurer Jaimie Faust, City Clerk Pam Willer, and Administrative Assistant David R. Van Cura to sign checks; and to create modify or dissolve accounts if necessary, for the following accounts effective January 10, 2023.

Exchange State Bank: Sewer, Retirement, and Veterans Reserve.

Tri-County Bank: General, Payroll, Major Street, Local Street, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Water, Arsenic Abatement, Lead & Copper, Equipment, Investment, Park.

Motion By CM Robison, Second By CM Mclvor, To remove Former City Clerk Rhonda Johnson from City Accounts and Authorize Mayor Julie P. Miller, City Treasure Jaimie Faust, City Clerk Pam Willer, and Administrative Assistant David R. Van Cura to sign Checks; And to create, modify or dissolve accounts if necessary, for the above listed accounts Effective January 10, 2023.

Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1-Feedback on weekly Council Newsletter- I will continue to text the newsletter over if everyone is good with that. It seemed to be the consensus of the group. I will use this tool to speed up and make out meetings more efficient by sharing items weekly.

2-City Council Picture- I need an updated picture of the Council for the City's Website. Mgn Chuck Bennet took pictures of City Council members.

3-City Hall Security Upgrade- Job was completed on 1-5-2023. Total for the job was \$4,330. This included a couple extras a pin pad locking door handle on Chief Smith's office door and moving the light switches to the outside of the counter so we can turn the lights to City Hall on without walking around the counter.

4-Brown City Business Owners Meeting- Reminder that on 1-11-2023 at 9 AM the meeting will be held at Missile Strike Game Lounge. If anyone from Council could make it, that would be a great opportunity to further get to know the local business in town and their needs.

City Manager Chuck Bennett stated Pension Fund will have to remain as currently is.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Greg Stremers is working with Chief Ron Smith, and Manager Chuck Bennett to assure the proper steps are taken when addressing the blight on a homeowner's location.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1-Memorial Day Parade- 10AM on Monday May 29, 2023.

2-Fire Board Meeting-see minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Mclvor) – Nothing.
2. Personnel/ Park & Recreation (Biel) -BC Park meeting 1/24/23, 7:00 PM.
3. Police / Fire Authority (R.Jacobson) – Nothing.
4. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock) -Absent.
5. Tax and Finance (P.Jacobson) – Nothing.
6. Water and Sewer (Robison) – Nothing.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:

CM Biel stated the Facebook page comment section has not been turned off.

CM Robison has concerns regarding the sign that blew down at Treve's Pizza, debris is still on ground.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Chris Lee commented that the officer at the school is doing a good job.

CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM P. Jacobson, Second by CM McIvor, to Adjourn the January 09, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:34 PM Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk